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1 through 5 (cancelled).

1 6. (currently amended) A method for providing a purchaser of  
2 a portable audio system with a library of purchaser selected  
3 music titles stored in said audio system comprising:  
4 providing a database having a plurality of music  
5 titles, each title respectively represented by stored MP3  
6 compressed digital data;  
7 enabling said purchaser to select a set of said music  
8 titles;  
9 copying the MP3 compressed digital data representative  
10 of the set of purchaser selected music titles to a hard disk  
11 drive having at least 10 gigabytes of storage capacity  
12 within the housing of a portable audio system being  
13 purchased by said purchaser;  
14 said housing further including:  
15 at least one pair of audio ~~speakers~~ output devices;  
16 means for decompressing said digital data;  
17 means for driving said ~~speakers~~ output devices with  
18 said decompressed data to thereby present the music of said  
19 music titles; and  
20 means for manually carrying said housing while said  
21 music is being presented.

1 7. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 10 wherein said  
2 speakers are USB speakers driven by said decompressed  
3 digital data.

1 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 6 10 wherein said  
2 housing further includes means for converting said  
3 decompressed digital data to analog data; and wherein said  
4 means for driving said speakers drive said speakers with  
5 said analog data.

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- 1 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8 wherein said  
2 housing further includes:  
3 a memory; and  
4 means for selectively accessing the data representative  
5 of a music title from the hard drive and storing the  
6 accessed data in system memory during the audio presentation  
7 of said music title.
- 1 10. (new) The method of claim 6 wherein said audio output  
2 devices are speakers.

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